

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-14 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 for allegedly being anticipated by Suzuki et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,506,642.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 2, 5-7, 9, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. It is noted that the examiner has deemed the limitations of claim 2, "wherein the topcoat film has a film thickness of 1 μm or less," reads over the prior art.

Each of the independent claims 1, 4, 8, and 12-14 recite the limitation "a topcoat film formed of a transparent resin." Claims 1, 4, 8, and 12-14 have been amended to recite the limitation recited in claim 2, and thus are believed to read over the prior art as well. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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